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MINUTES.

AVONDALE, ALA., April 8, 1898.

The Mt. Pilgrim Colored Missionary Baptist Sunday-School Convention held its Fourteenth Annual Session with the Harmony Street Baptist Church.

The Convention was called to order by Rev. J. P. O'Riley of East Lake. At 10 a. m. (the president being absent), Rev. O'Riley read 133d psalm and then sang, "Oh, Hear My Cry." After which Rev. S. L. Ross, the Sunday-School Missionary, offered a very fervent prayer, invoking God's blessings upon the Convention.

Devotional services were followed by an informal conference of the Sunday-School workers. The following brethren participated: H. Y. Wood, G. W. Williams, J. F. Massey, W. E. Tinker, C. H. Hopkins, E. S. Adams, I. L. Dismukes, W. L. Howard, W. C. Owens, J. W. Vaughan and S. L. Ross. Their expressions were all encouraging.

Time having expired for the informal conference the Convention sang, "My Jesus, I Love Thee." After which Rev. W. H. Holloway announced that in the near future there would be organized several Mission Sunday-schools in Birmingham under the auspices of the Executive Board of the B. Y. P. U. Association. This project anticipates carrying the Word of God to those in the various parts of the city who will not go to regular Sunday-schools and church services.

Time having arrived for the introductory sermon, Rev. J. A. Peel, pastor of the First Baptist Church, North Birmingham, accompanied by Rev. P. Woolen of Woodlawn, ascended the

rostrum. Rev. Woolen read eight verses of the 10th chapter of Hebrews. The congregation then joined him in singing, "Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove." Prayer by Rev. Woolen. Rev. J. A. Peel arose, and after singing, "My Father is rich," chose for his text the 13th verse of the 10th chapter of Hebrews: "From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool." Subject—Christ's Expecting Attitude. Extracts from the sermon—Christ did not have a friend in this world until He subdued His enemies. Our Church, Sunday-school and all Christian organizations have enemies. Christ is at the right hand of power awaiting for the Father to subdue all enemies. Are we doing our part to help Christ to subdue the enemies that are hindering our Christian work? He who has been changed from an enemy to a friend, by Christ's grace, is an eternal friend. Those who do not bow to the sceptre of His grace will bow to the sceptre of His justice. The sermon was thoughtful and encouraging.

Rev. T. W. Walker offered prayer.

On motion, the Programme was adopted, with necessary corrections.

On motion, that Bro. R. L. Sherman make the welcome address at the night session. Responded to by Rev. J. E. A. Wilson of East Lake. Carried.

On motion, the following committees were appointed:

On Enrollment—D. D. Hawkins, G. W. Williams and W. L. Howard.

On Finance—Profs. F. P. McAlpine, T. H. Posey and Mrs. Lula McDuffey.

A collection of $1.17 was taken.

The Convention adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reassembled at 2:30. Praise services were properly conducted.

The vice-president called for the paper, "Spiritual Preparation of the Sunday-School Teacher," by Prof. I. L. Dismukes. The paper was carefully prepared. He assured his hearers that the success of teaching depended upon the spiritual as well as the mental preparation, and that this was especially true in

teaching the Bible. Discussion, led by Prof. T. H. Posey. He said, "We need practice rather than theory." Revs. S. L. Ross, T. L. Jordan, S. B. Brownlee, Bro. G. W. Williams and Mrs. Ella Lacey participated in this discussion.

Miss Frankie Groce, a member of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, East Lake, read an excellent paper. Subject: "Of what Importance is the Primary Teacher and Class in the Sunday-School?" Discussion, Prof. D. D. Hawkins.

Committee on Permanent Organization reported as follows:

For President—Rev. J. A. Peel.

Vice-President—Bro. E. F. Samuel.

Recording Secretary—Rev. S. B. Brownlee.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss Georgia Battle.

Treasurer—Bro. D. T. Shields.

(Rev. J. M. Ross was recommended for Corresponding Secretary but declined to accept, therefore his name was struck out and Miss Georgia Battle's name inserted.)

On motion, the report was adopted.

Rev. T. L. Jordan, in a few well chosen words, installed the newly elected officers. Very impressive remarks were made by each officer.

On motion, the Convention tendered a vote of thanks to the retiring officers for their faithful services.

Rev. T. L. Jordan made some important remarks on the subject of Unity.

Prof. J. D. Kent, principal of the city school, Elyton, in an eloquent manner voiced the sentiments of many of Elder Jordan's friends in regretting his departure from our midst.

A collection of 65 cents was taken.

Convention dismissed by Rev. W. T. Bibb, B. D.

NIGHT SESSION.

Promptly at 7:30 p. m. the Convention reassembled. Bro. J. W. Callier conducted the praise service. Song, "Alas and did my Savior bleed;" read the 1st Psalm, after which a series of prayers were offered. Song, "What a Friend I have in Jesus," after which Rev. E. M. Clark, pastor of the Enon Ridge Presbyterian Church, was introduced and made some remarks.

Bro. R. L. Sherman in a few well selected words delivered

the welcome address. In the absence of Rev. J. E. A. Wilson, Prof. D. D. Hawkins responded to the address. By this time a large audience had gathered to hear the sermon by Rev W. H. Holloway, who had been programmed for the occasion. Revs. Holloway and W. T. Bibb occupied the pulpit. Rev. Bibb read the third chapter of the First Epistle of John. "Jesus keep me near the Cross" was voiced by the congregation with melody. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. C. Owens, and Rev. Holloway arose and, after a few preliminary remarks, selected the 14th verse of the 22nd chapter of Revelations for his text—"Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the Tree of Life." The speaker showed that doing the commandments was essential to entering the Kingdom of our Lord and to enjoy the fruits of the Tree of Life. That no one can be blessed who does not reverence God and do His commandments. That the Creator is greater than the creatures, therefore we are to be active doers. The discourse was practical and forcible.

Prayer was offered by Rev. W. T. Bibb of Bessemer.

After a collection of $1.00 was taken, the President appointed the following committees, to-wit:

On Temperance—Rev. W. T. Bibb, Miss Frankie Groce, Bro. T. L. Dismukes and Rev. J. E. A. Wilson.

On New Bodies—Rev. S. D. Sanders, Bro. G. W. Williams, Rev. W. E. Owens and Bro H. Y. Wood.

On Time and Place—Prof. G. W. Scott and Miss Mary Coleman.

On Obituary—Rev. W. H. Holloway, Rev. P. Woolen, Bro. J. M. Wright, Bro. A. R. Hollingsworth and Miss Georgia Battle.

On Resolutions—Dev. S. L. Belser, S. D. Jones, J. F. Massey, A. J. Johnson and Tom Jackson.

The Convention was adjourned to meet again Saturday at 9:30 a. m. Benediction by Rev. W. C. Owens.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

At 9:30 the Vice President called the Convention to order.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Dr. J. W. Vaughan

of East Lake. Read the 1st Psalm and sung "Savior, more than Life to me."

A series of prayers were offered, after which the Minutes of the previous day's session were read and approved.

Rev. W. T. Bibb read the 37th verse of the 11th chapter of Luke, and said, "We must not despise the day of little things; see to them that they may make great things."

Teachers' meeting was conducted by Miss A. L. Boorman, who said the first thing to do was the reading of the lesson. The Convention joined her in reading the Sunday-School lesson for April 17th, and she then proceeded to make some expository remarks, which were very instructive. She emphasized personal preparation for teaching, both spiritual and literal y

The work of the A. B. P. S. was ably discussed by Rev. S. L. Ross. He narrated the early growth of the Society and its warm relations to the early Baptists of America.

The President appointed the following Committee on Executive Board: Revs. T. W. Walker, P. Woolen, C. H. Hopkins, S. D. Jones, W. T. Bibb and Bro. A. J. Johnson.

"The Importance af Punctuality in Sunday-School Work," was most eloquently discussed by Rev. J. M. Ross of the Shiloh Baptist Church.

Rev. T. L. Jordan made some touching remarks on the same subject, after which the following gentlemen were introduced: Revs. W. J. Waytes, G. W. Thrasher and Bro. J. D. Glover.

The Committee on Executive Board reported the following as members of the Executive Board, including officers: Revs. W. T. Bibb, P. Woolen, C. H. Hopkins, S. D. Jones, A. J. Johnson and Bro. E. L. Haygood.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The Convention then adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Promptly at 2:20 the Convention was opened with appropriate prayer services and select reading by Rev. R. T. Wood of Woodlawn.

Report of the Treasurer, Bro. D. T. Shield, was heard, and on motion the same was adopted. (See Appendix.)

Report of the District Chairman was heard, and on motion the same was adopted. (See Appendix.)

Committee on Resolutions reported, and on motion the report was adopted. (See Report on Resolutions.)

On motion, the resolution bearing on the Missionary was laid on the table. (Refers to putting out one under the auspices of the Convention.)

The Committee on Obituaries reported, and on motion the report was adopted. (See report.)

The Committee on Time and Place recommended Canaan Baptist Church, Bessemer, Ala., as the place for our next Annual Convention.

On motion, the recommendation was concurred in.

The Committee on New Bodies reported, and on motion the report was adopted. (See Appendix.)

On motion, Rev. R. H. Spencer was appointed Chairman of the Bessemer District, No. 2.

On motion, Prof. I. L. Dismukes was appointed Chairman of the Birmingham District No. 1.

Rev. P. E. Costen was elected Chairman of the Fourth District in the Executive Board.

The Convention adjourned. Benediction by Rev. J. Q. A. Wilhite.

SUNDAY MORNING.

At 9:30 a. m. the vice-president, with appropriate prayer services and scripture selections, opened the Convention. Notwithstanding the inclement weather a very fair audience gathered to enjoy the various blessings of the day. Sunday-school mass meeting was conducted by S. B. Brownlee of East Lake. Read the lesson alternately. Prayer by Bro. G. W. Williams. After which the Sunday-school was divided in three classes for twenty-five minutes canvass of the lesson. Subject: "The Sufferings of Jesus Foretold." Class No. 1, taught by Bro. G. W. Williams; No. 2, Bro. N. H. Spann; No. 3, Prof. T. H. Posey. After twenty-five minutes canvass of the lesson, sang: "When peace, like a river, attendeth My way." General expressions from scholars and visitors. Rev. W. J. Waytes, in a very concise way, reviewed. Total collection, $1.44. Total attendance, 85.

Dismissed by Rev. Callie Wallace for ten minutes recess.

The Convention reassembled at 11:15 promptly.

Opened with prayer by Bro. A. F. Jackson. Music.

The vice-president introduced Rev. W. J. Waytes of Bessemer, whose appointment it was to preach at that hour. The congregation repeated with Rev. Waytes the Lord's Prayer. Then he read the 13th chapter of Zechariah. Text, 7th verse of the chapter, read: "Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, and against the man that is My fellow, saith the Lord of hosts: smite the shepherd and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn Mine hand upon the little ones." Subject—"The Divine Human of Christ." Extracts—We are all to get the right conception, first, of God. The text means that Christ is coequal with God. Angels in all of their might cannot equal God. Christ was not simply man, but He was more than man. The plan of salvation is an argument in favor of Christ's divinity. The salvation of man was not an afterthought of God, as many have supposed, but had been his anticipation from eternity. Christ was not only man, as the Apostle Paul said, and as He declared Himself to be, but was God and man. The sermon was a splendid production. The arguments were clear and forcible.

Prayer by Bro. T. L. Lewis.

A collecti9n of $1.06 was taken.

A resolution on hospitality was read by Prof. T. H. Posey. On motion, it was adopted. (See resolution on hospitality.)

After some remarks by Bro. T. H. Posey, E. F. Samuel and S. B. Brownlee, the Convention stood adjourned, to meet with the Canaan Baptist Church, Bessemer, Ala., Friday before the second Lord's Day in April, 1899.

S. B. Brownlee, Secretary.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT.

Mr. President and Brethren of the Convention, your Committee on Enrollment begs leave to report as follows:

Jackson Street, Woodlawn—Bro. J. F. Massey, Sister Annie Bradford, F. P. McAlpine.

Bethlehem Baptist Sunday-School, Johns, Ala.—Bro. A. J. Johnson, Rev. W. C. Owens.

Morning Star Sunday School, Ensley City—Rev. S. Lewis, Bro. L. R. Price, Sister Mamie Coleman.

First Baptist Sunday-School, North Birmingham—Rev. J. A. Peel, Sisters Alice Shields and A. T. Smith.

First Baptist Sunday-School, Warrior—Rev. N. P. Anderson.

Tabernacle Baptist Sunday-School, Birmingham—Rev. C. H. Hopkins, Bro. J. R. Hunt.

Hopewell Baptist Sunday-School, Earnest—Revs. A. J. Fikes, R. H. Spencer, Miss Clara Thompson.

Lee's Chapel Baptist Sunday-School, Brookside—Bro. G. W. Mitchell.

Mt. Hebron Baptist Sunday-School, Blossburg—Bro. J. D. Glover.

Mt. Olive Baptist Sunday-School, North Birmingham—Miss Alice Mason, Mr. J. A. E. Mason.

Mt. Vernon—Bros. G. D. Wood, N. T. Burwell.

Mt. Zion Sunday-School, East Lake—Bros. D. D. Hawkins, H. G Woods, J. W. Vaughan, J. T. Latham, Sister Frankie A. Groce, Rev. J. E. A. Wilson.

First Baptist, Bessemer—Prof. A Koyton.

Canaan Sunday-School, Bessemer—Sister Emma Clark.

Bulah Sunday-School, Bessemer—H. Everette.

Sixth Avenue Baptist Sunday-School—Rev. Wilhite, Bros P. E. Caston, W. L. Howard, J. W. Calier, W. E. Tinker, Sisters Alberta Houston, Ella Knapp.

First Baptist Sunday-School, East Lake—Revs. E. S. Adams, J. P. O'Riley.

Corresponding Messengers from the B. Y. P. U. Association—Revs. W. H. Halloway, S. B. Brownlee, Miss A. L. Boorman, Mrs. Emma Gayle, Bros. Galilee Hillman, S. J. Dawson.

St. John Sunday-School, Dolomite—Rev. W. T. Bibb, B. D.

Sardis Baptist Sunday-School, Birmingham—Bro. I. L. Dismukes, Mrs. Mary Coleman.

First Baptist Sunday-School, South Birmingham—Rev. L. J. Green, Bro. Syl D. Jones.

Mt. Moriah Sunday-School, Pratt City—Bro. A. J. Sharp, Rev. A. A. Scott.

Mt. Calvary Sunday-School—E. L. Haygood.

Spring Street Sunday-School, Elyton—Bro. D. T. Shields, Rev. S. D. Sanders

St. James Sunday-School, Gate City—Rev. R. N. Hall, Bro. Tom Jackson.

Harmony Sunday-School—Sister Jessie Bethenia Gulley.

Meriwether Sunday-School—Sister Rosa Dickson, Rev. S. L. Ross, Sunday-School Missionary.

Irondale Sunday-School—Rev. R. N. Hall, Bro. T. L. Jordon.

Mt. Moriah Sunday-School, Cardiff—Bro. S. L. Burroughs, Rev. G. Frost.

New Hope Sunday-School, Liberty Park—Mrs. Della Williams, Rev. W. H. Holloway, Mrs. Annie Leamor.

First Baptist Sunday-School, Brookwood—Rev. H. S. Thompson, J. M. Wright.

Respectfully submitted,

D. D. Hawkins,

H. L. Howard,

Committee.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Executive Board met in the Sixth Avenue Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., April 11, 1898, at 12 m. Prayer by Bro. D. T. Shields. The Board proceeded to transact business for the Convention. The following disbursements were made:

Amount reported in treasury		$99 32
Minutes	$30 00	
Alabama Colored University	20 00	
Birmingham Baptist Academy	13 00	
Secretary	8 00	
State Sunday-School Convention	5 00	
Messenger to Convention	8 28	
N. B. P. Board	5 00	
A. B. P. Society	2 00	
Postage, J. D. Kent	75—	92 03
Balance on hand		$ 7 29

On motion, Revs. W. T. Bibb, Syl D. Jones and S. B. Brownlee were appointed a Committee on Printing.

On motion, Revs. J. A. Peel, S. B. Brownlee and Bro. D. T. Shields were elected Messengers to the State Convention.

On motion, Rev. P. E. Coston was made chairman of the Fourth District.

The Board ordered the same number of minutes as were printed last year. Adjourned.

Rev. J. A. Peel, President.

S. B. Brownlee, Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. President and Convention: Your Committed on Resolutions beg leave to report as follows:

1st.

Whereas, The members of the Harmony Street Baptist Church and citizens of Avondale have so hospitably entertained the delegates and visitors of the Mt. Pilgrim Sunday-School Convention; therefore be it

Resolved, That a hearty vote of thanks be tendered them for the same. T. H. Posey.

2nd.

Resolved, That this Convention now in session indorse the literature of the National Baptist Publishing Board.

D. D. Hawkins.

3rd.

Whereas, The Baptist Academy in Birmingham is doing all

in its power to hold out proper inducements for the education of our boys and girls; therefore be it

Resolved, That this Convention give to said institution a donation. S. L. BELSER.

4TH.

Resolved, That the Mt. Pilgrim District Sunday-School Convention, now in session with the Harmony Street Baptist Church, Avondale, indorse the work and literature of the A. B. P. Society. S. L Ross.

5TH.

Whereas, There has been a great deal of trouble as to entertaining our annual and semi-annual meetings after having been cordially invited to convene with a people or an organization, it has been the custom for several years for that people or organization to give notice that they could not entertain the meeting.

Therefore, be it resolved, That this and similar organizations seek no other place of meeting, but go to that place, that is if it is not in case of emergency.

D. D. HAWKINS.

Rev. S. L. Belser, Chn.,
Bro. Tom Jackson,
" A. J. Johnson,
" Syl D. Jones, Sec'y,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEW BODIES.

Bro. President and Convention: We, your Committee on New Bodies, beg leave to recommend the following Sunday-Schools for membership in your Convention, to-wit: Ebenezer Sunday-School, Belle Sumpter, and New Hope Sunday-School, Brighton, Ala.

Rev. S. D. Sanders, Chn.,
" W. C. Owens,
Bro. H. Y. Wood,
" J. F. Trimble, Sec'y.
Committee.

COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE.

We, your Committee on Time and Place, beg leave to make the following report: After due consideration of all applications, including Sardis, Enon Ridge, Tabernacle, Birmingham, Ebenezer, Belle Sumpter and Canaan, we recommend that the

next annual session of the Convention be held with the Canaan Baptist Church, Bessemer, Ala.

G. W. Scott,
Miss M. Coleman,
Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer, Bro. D. T. Shields, reported as follows:

Money paid to him since last Convention, none.

Amount in treasury from last year	$15 98
Donations from Sunday-Schools and Institutes:	
Morning Star, Ensley	$ 50
Mount Moriah, Pratt City	75
Mount Olive, North Birmingham	1 00
Mount Calvary, Irondale	75
Mount Zion, East Lake	1 50
Mount Nebo, Brookside	50
Mount Hebron, Irondale	50
Mount Vernon, Huffman	30
Mount Hebron, Blossburg	50
Mount Pleasant, Henry Ellen	50
Jerusalem, Adamsville	50
Jackson Street, Woodlawn	50
Jerusalem, Bessemer	75
Sixteenth Street, Birmingham	50
Sixth Avenue, Birmingham	2 50
Sardis, Enon Ridge	1 00
Shady Grove, Oxmoor	50
Shiloh, Birmingham	1 50
Spring Street, Elyton	1 00
St. Johns, Dolomite	
Rising Star, Pratt City	1 00
Lee's Chapel, Brookside	50
Canaan, Bessemer	50
First Baptist, East Lake	28
First Baptist, North Birmingham	50
Tabernacle, Birmingham	50
Hopewell, Earnest	50
Ebenezer, Belle Sumpter	1 50

New Hope, Brighton	25
Harmony Street, Avondale	1 50
Bethlehem, Johns	50
New Hope, Liberty Park	40
First Baptist, Jonesboro	1 00
St. James, Gate City	20
First Baptist, Warrior	1 00
" " Bessemer	50
Galilee, Hillman	75
Bulah, Bessemer	50
Amount from Institutes	52 96
Total	$79 39

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY.

Mr. President and Members of the Convention: We, your Committee on Obituary, beg leave to submit the following report:

After carefully considering the Convention and its constituencies, we find that the Lord has wonderfully blessed us in staying the hand of Death. Therefore we recommend that we bow our heads in thankfulness to Almighty God for His protecting care, and pray the continuance of His blessings upon us.

Rev. T W Walker,
" P Woolen,
Bro. A R Hollingsworth,
" J M Wright,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Mr. President and Members of the Convention: We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to submit the following report:

Received from Sunday-Schools	$25 46
Received from Public Collections	4 92
Received from District Chairmen	52 96
Total	$83 34

Mrs. Lula McDuffey,
T. H. Posey,
F. P. McAlpine,
Committee.

RECAPITULATION.

Total amount raised	$ 83 34
Balance from last year	15 98
Total	$99 32
Total Disbursements	92 03
Balance on hand	$ 7 29

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Bro. President and Convention—Your Treasurer begs leave to report as follows: There nas been no money turned over to me since the last Convention.

Amount turned over to me being			$108 68
Paid out for Minutes	$30 00		
" Secretary	8 00		
" Alabama Baptist University	25 00		
" State Convention	5 00		
" Delegates to Convention	8 00		
" Birmingham Baptist Academy	5 00		
" Programs	1 50		
" Rev. S. D. Ross' work	10 00—		92 50
Balance last year's money on hand			$ 16 18

Respectfully submitted,

D. T. Shields, Treasurer S. S. C.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN'S REPORT.

District Chairman No. 1, Bro. J. D. Kent, Acting Chairman.

Mr. President and Convention—I submit you the following report: I am not your Chairman as appointed by the Convention. The elected Chairman, Mr. E. A. Long, has left the State, so I am informed. Knowing that you were expecting a report, I voluntarily took the work of the district after one-half of the year had passed. I succeeded in holding two very spiritual institutes. The first one with the 16th Street Sunday-School, Birmingham. The following Sunday-Schools sent donations:

Spring Street, Elyton	$0 50
First Baptist, New Town	50

First Baptist, North Birmingham	50
Mt. Olive, North Birmingham	50
Sardis, Enon Ridge	50
Public collection	79
Total money raised	$3 29
Total expenses	1 25
Balance	$ 2 04

The second institute was held at Thomas, Ala. The following Sunday-Schools were represented, with donations:

First Baptist, New Town	$0 50
Spring Street, Elyton	50
Mt. Olive, North Birmingham	25
Sardis, Enon Ridge	50
Harmony Street, Avondale	50
16th Street, Birmingham	75
Public collection	1 36
Total	$4 36

RECAPITULATION.

Total money raised for the year	$8 70
" expended	3 50
Balance on hand	$5 20

District No. 2—Bro. T. H. Posey, Acting Chairman.

Mr. President and Convention—I beg leave to report as follows: I succeeded in holding three institutes, notwithstanding the epidemic of small-pox. The first with Jerusalem Baptist Sunday-School, Bessemer; the second with the Hopewell Baptist Sunday-School, Earnest; the third with the Canaan Baptist Sunday-School, Bessemer, Ala. All Sunday-Schools in the district have been represented in one or more of these institutes, less Mt. Zion, No. 2 Scrap; First Baptist, Brookwood; Ebenezer, Belle Sumter; Bethlehem, Johns. The following Sunday-Schools sent donations:

New Hope, Brighton	$0 60

First Baptist, Brookwood	50
Bulah, Bessemer	70
Jerusalem, Bessemer	1 00
Bethlehem, Johns	1 10
First Baptist, Jonesboro	1 25
Ebenezer, Belle Sumter	1 50
Hopewell, Earnest	2 00
Canaan, Bessemer	3 57
Total	$12 22

RECAPITULATION.

Total amount raised for the year	$24 98
Total expenses	8 87
Balance on hand	$16 11

District No. 3—Bro. D. D. Hawkins, Chairman.

Mr. President and Convention—Your Chairman begs leave to make the following report: Institutes held, three. First one was held with Mt. Calvary Sunday-School. The following Sunday-Schools were represented and donated to the work: St. James, Gate City; Mt. Pleasant, Henry Ellen; Mt. Hebron, Irondale; First Baptist, East Lake; First Baptist, Huffman; Mt. Joy, Trussville; Mt. Zion, East Lake; Ebenezer, Dolcito.

Money raised for this session	$8 11
Expenses	1 85
Balance	$6 26

Second institute was held with the St. James Baptist Sunday-School, Gate City.

Money raised	$6 00
Expenses	1 95
Balance	$4 05

The third institute was held with the Mt. Hebron, Irondale.

Money raised	$6 51
Expenses	1 71
Balance	$4 80

Sunday-Schools visited during the year, two; expenses 30c.

RECAPITULATION.

Total amount raised for the year	$20 62
Total amount expended	6 25
Amount on hand	$14 37

Owing to Bro. Glover, our District Secretary, getting his book misplaced, we cannot give the amount each Sunday-School gave, but all of them donated.

D. D. HAWKINS, Chairman.

District No. 5.—Bro. G. W. Williams, Chairman.

Mr. President—I submit my report, as follows: Donations from Sunday-Schools:

St. James, Wylam	$ 0 91
Rising Star, Pratt City	1 75
Mt. Moriah, Pratt City	1 50
Morning Star, Ensley City	50
Jerusalem, Adamsville	2 70
Mt. Hebron, Blossburg	1 00
St. Paul, Caroiff	21
Lee's Chapel, Brookside	1 50
Mt. Moriah, Cardiff	25
Lively Hope, Pratt City	25
Total	$10 57

Institutes held, two; the first with the St. James Sunday-School, Wylam; second at Brookside.

RECAPITULATION.

Total money raised for the year	$23 08
Total expenses	5 30
Amount on hand	$17 78

DISTRICTS.

NORTH BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT NO. 1.

Names of Sunday-Schools—Sixteenth Street, Tabernacle;

Sardis, Enon Ridge; St. James, Birmingham; Harmony Street, Mt. Olive; First Baptist, North Birmingham; Mt. Hebron No. 2, Thomas; First Baptist, Warrior; Spring Street, Elyton; First Baptist, New Town. Bro. I. L. Dismukes, District, Chairman.

BESSEMER DISTRICT NO. 2.

Jerusalem; First Baptist, Bessemer; Canaan; Red Mountain; Sloss Mines; First Baptist, Brighton; New Hope, Brighton; St. John, Dolomite; Hopewell No. 2, Earnest; Bethlehem, Johns; First Baptist, Jonesboro; Galilee, Hillman; Mt Zion, No. 2 Scrap. Rev. R. H. Spencer, District Chairman.

EAST LAKE DISTRICT NO. 3.

Mt. Zion No. 2, East Lake; Mt. Calvary, Irondale; Mt. Joy, Trussville; Mt. Vernon, Huffman; Pleasant Hill, Huffman; Copper Springs, Branchville; St. James, Gate City; First Baptist, East Lake; Jackson Street, Woodlawn; Mt. Pleasant, Henry Ellen; Ebenezer, Dolcito. Bro. D. D. Hawkins, District Chairman.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT NO. 4.

Sixth Avenue, Shiloh; Bethel; First Baptist, South Birmingham; Healing Springs, Clifton; Shady Grove, Oxmoor; Sardis, Ishkooda; Noah's Ark, Birmingham. Rev. P. E. Coston, District Chairman.

BLOSSBURG DISTRICT NO. 5.

Mt. Hebron No. 1, Blossburg; Coal Chapel, Coalburg; Lee's Chapel, Brookside; St. Paul, Cardiff; Rising Star, Pratt City; Mt. Moriah, Pratt City; First Baptist, Jasper; Mt. Nebo, Patton; St. John, Horse Creek. Bro. G. W. Williams, District Chairman.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

This Convention shall be known as the Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Sunday-School Convention.

ARTICLE II.

Its officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. Its Executive Board shall consist of the above named officers, with six others, whose duty it shall be to transact any business pertaining to the work and welfare of the Convention. Each officer shall be elected annually and shall hold his office until his successor shall have been elected.

ARTICLE III.

This Convention shall be composed of Baptist Christian delegates from Sunday-Schools in its bounds, and all Missionaries sent out by the Boards of the Baptist State Convention and Associations shall be honorary members.

ARTICLE IV.

Each Sunday-School in good standing shall be entitled to two delegates to every fifty Sunday-School scholars it has enrolled or one to any fraction.

ARTICLE V.

Any member in good standing with his church shall be admitted as an annual member by the payment of fifty (50) cents, and a life member by the payment of two dollars and a half ($2.50).

ARTICLE VI.

No money shall be paid out by the Treasurer unless by order of the Recording Secretary, signed by the President.

ARTICLE VII.

The Treasurer shall keep a record of all money placed in his hands, paid out, and report the same to the Convention.

ARTICLE VIII.

No delegate shall be allowed to leave the Convention unless excused by the Convention.

ARTICLE IX.

This Convention shall meet on Friday before the second Sunday in April of each year.

ARTICLE X.

Any part of this Constitution may be changed at any regular meeting of the Convention, provided three months notice has been given of the same.

ARTICLE XI.

That all donations raised in and for the Convention be placed in the common treasury of the Convention, and after the debts, expenses and preservation of the Convention are deducted, that the balance of the money that shall have been raised be proportioned to the different places of the work in proportion to the missi n work that is being done by each place.

BY-LAWS.

1. This Convention shall be divided into six districts, so situated as to take in every Sunday-School in the bounds of the Convention.

2. There shall be a Superintendent and Secretary to each district.

3. These Superintendents shall lift a collection at each of their meetings and the same be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Sunday-School Convention.

4. The district meetings shall be held every three months in such places as will be most profitable to the Sunday-Schools in each district.

5. That the Secretaries of the districts shall report to the Secretary of the Executive Board every three months the condition of the work of the district.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL DISTRICT CONVENTION, 1898.

NAME OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL.	NAME OF SUPERINTENDENT.	NAME OF SECRETARY.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Teachers.	Books in Library.	Church Members in Sunday-School.	Money Sent.
Mt. Olive	J. E. A. Mason	Miss Lela Cran	North Birmingham, Ala					$1 00
Mt. Zion	D. D. Hawkins	Alma Miller	East Lake, Ala	80	7	25	28	1 50
Mt. Moriah	A. J. Sharp	E. Dagnah	Pratt City, Ala	80	6	80	50	75
Mt. Calvary	D. S. Grace	Hallie Haygood	Irondale, Ala	65	4	25	15	75
Mt. Vernon	N. T. Burwell	G. W. Wood	Huffman, Ala	25	3		20	30
Mt. Hebron	T. L. Jordon	Mrs. M. L. V. Henderson	Irondale, Ala	40	4		15	50
Mt. Hebron		Archie Drake	Blossburg, Ala	60	6	40	15	50
Galilee	S. J. Dawson		Hillman, Ala.					75
Sixteenth Street	A. H. Parker	Lee Riley	Birmingham, Ala	120	8	60	40	50
Sardis	H. W. White	M. L. Billingsley	Birmingham, Ala	75	3	12	15	1 00
Spring Street	J. O. Diffay	Mary Mayfield	Elyton, Ala	60	6	50	15	1 00
Shiloh	H. Strawbridge	J. H. Baker	Birmingham, Ala	150	8	80	79	1 50
St. James	Tom Jackson	R. C. Gardner	Gate City, Ala	25	3		25	20
Sixth Avenue	W. E. Tinker	H. W. Watson	Birmingham, Ala	00	12	77	75	2 50
Jerusalem	G. W. Williams	Sadie Williams	Adamsville, Ala	50	3		20	50
Jerusalem	R. B. Patterson	Francis Crawford	Bessemer, Ala	100	5	75		75
Warrior First Baptist	J. H. Roberson	Mrs. E. P. Freeman	Warrior, Ala	48	3			1 00
Harmony Street	A. F. Jackson	Miss Gullie	Avondale, Ala	80	4	20	20	1 50
Rising Star	A. R. Hollingsworth	Miss Louise Ezell	Pratt City, Ala	55	7	10	15	1 00
First Baptist	B. C. Cunningham	Minnie Cunningham	East Lake, Ala	40	3		12	28
New Hope	Dallas Jones	Lucy Holloway	Thomas, Ala	25	3	8	12	40
Hopewell	E. P. Wood	Cora Thompson	Dolomite, Ala	60	5	10	15	50
Lee's Chapel	A. H. Smart	Ruth A. Barnett	Brookside, Ala	50	3		20	50
Ebenezer	J. A. S. Gayles	N. H. Spann	Belle Sumter	69	4		20	1 50
Canaan	J. B. Buckner	A. C. Colyar	Bessemer	70	3	10	12	50
Jackson Street	J. F. Massey	Lizzie Sewell	Woodlawn	85	8	50	45	50
Healing Springs	W. M. Baker	Mattie Vann	Clifton	78	4	18	30	41
First Baptist	R. B. Keith	J. M. Wright	Brookwood	59	3	45		40

LETTER FORM.

.....*County, Ala.* .....*189*.....

The.....*Baptist Sunday-School to the*.....

Sunday-School Convention:

Dear Brethren—We send to represent our Sunday-School in the.....

Sunday-School Convention which meets with the.....

Baptist Sunday-School, our beloved.....

Name of School	Total Number of Scholars
Name of Supt.	Total Average Attendance
Postoffice of Supt.	Church Members in School
Secretary	S. S. Attending Preaching
Post Office	S. S. Attending Prayer Meeting
Total Contributions	Number of Conversions
Contributed to other Missions	Number of Baptisms
Contributed to State Missions	Meetings Held During the Year
Cont. to Mt. Pilgrim S. S. Conv't'n	Do you have Teachers' Meeting
Money raised for School Expenses	Do you have S. S. Concerts
No of Teachers	Volumes in Library
No. of Baptist Scholars Helps Taken	No. of Baptist Teachers Taken
No. of Teachers' Helps Taken	No. of Baptist Teachers Taken

DEAR Brethren—Please fill out this complete list and send to the Convention without fail. Respectfully,

.....*Secretary.*